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The meetings at ~~that~~ time were held in the homes of the members, the first being ~~held~~ at Sadie Robinsons. Since ~~that time~~, the Society has continued to support missions and the church. ~~then~~

1941-51--Dime card parties and bazaars with fish ponds, food, fun and fancy sales were a few of the projects used for fund raisers. It was noted that Florence Lafler received 1 coupon for 1# of sugar. to be used as needed for the WSCS. Suppers were held at the monthly meetings. The price was raised from .35¢ to .50¢. A velvet wall hanging was bought for the church in 1943. In 1951, the kitchen was remodeled at a cost of \$328.00.

1952-62--In 1951, Dora Wakeman and Florence Jacobs were appointed to investigate a more sanitary lavatory for the church. This project was completed and all committees thanked and dismissed in 1954. A lace tablecloth was purchased and the pew cushions covered. In 1956 the 15th anniversary of the WSCS was celebrated. The slogan was Looking Backward--Thinking Forward.

Some of the ways the WSCS earned their money in this decade was a smorgasboard, selling knives, white elephant sale, baked goods ~~at~~ sold at monthly meetings, <sup>and</sup> spring luncheon & Roast Beef Supper.

In 1957, we had a "fried chicken" supper. After the first table had eaten, the chicken was all gone and we had to go out on the "high-ways & by-ways" for chicken and other meat. We made \$207.00 anyway.



Fun was the name of the game at some of our meetings. A fashionable model in the person of Lillian Truesdell attended ~~a meeting~~ wearing high button shoes, which she borrowed from Lafler's store and a hat made of flowers someone left at the church. We also brought closed boxes of clothes: dress, hat and purse and auctioned them off. The clothes were worn to the next meeting and we had some well-dressed ladies.

We enjoyed a <sup>showing</sup> ~~modeling~~ of nylons purchased at Lafler's store for 79¢ a pair. Again Lillian was an excellent model.

We sent \$5.00 to Myra Wakeman <sup>missionary & Pittman Center Tenn.</sup> for Christmas. In a thank-you note she stated she bought a dress for the money.

In order to bring new "hair-do's" to the girls at Williamsville home, we donated \$25.00. We also planted a Sycamore tree at the home.

1965 During this year, an anniversary was held--the 25th birthday of an organization--The Womens Society of Christian Service. What is the real measure of time? What is the significance of twenty-five years of life? A corporate life of twenty-five years--such as that of the WSCS is young enough to be eager about the future and old enough to be wistful about the past. The women in the church have been part of two decades of a series of events. These have been times to cause people to seek religion and Americans have poured into churches and synagogues in unprecedented number--a result of wars and violence. During these last 25 years, Methodist women have given more than \$195 million to missions through the Womens Division and more through the churches general program.

~~1966~~ - In 1966, a thanksgiving dinner was served to 430 by the women. Our profit was \$460.00 and \$217.90 from the bazaar. Another fund raiser was a fish supper--charge was \$1.00 Profit \$67.51

On October 3, 1968, the regular meeting was held in the form of a reorganization meeting. An impressive charter program was delivered by Leetah Brown. It officially made us the Women's Society of the UMC. All present and active members were declared charter members.

In 1973, we voted to attend the Summit Mall Sale for the 1st time. We cleared \$360.00 <sup>on crafts, baked goods + dry flowers & weeds</sup>

1974-84

We received \$191.00 from the Alley Dusterd Bowling project that was the brain-child of Blanche Wilson & Ruth Luff. This project netted the society a goodly amount over the years.



Once again the seat cushions were covered. Diane Peck reported the cost to be \$438.48. The women will do the work. The UMW will help the church in this project.

In 1977, a committee was appointed for funeral luncheons.

In January 1983, we held a primary meeting of the cookbook committee. The group headed by Beth Smith, included Diane Peck, June Schuman, Gloria Snyder, with illustrations by Connie Moore.

Blanche Wilson gave us a bit of history on a quilt that was made prior to 1983 and donated to the East Wilson Church by a Mrs Mary Miles who lived on the Coomer Road. Several years later, Agnes Drewes laundered it, Iva Hochadel had a backing put on it and Betty Stimson of Wilson did the quilting (~~without charge.~~) It was sold for \$200.00 at the Summit Mall Sale.

In April of 1984, a sacrificial meal was held as part of the regular meeting. This meal represents the sacrifice we as christians are to make as we take up our cross to follow Jesus daily. The unoccupied chair at the head of the table symbolizes the living spirit of Christ ever present with those who take the bread and the cup in memory of him. Foods included unleavened bread, bitter herb, lamb, parsley, nuts and apples, hard boiled eggs, raisins, grapes, dates, olives and figs and grape juice. Planning this meal was Jeannie Smith, Carole Doebler and Beth Smith.

1985-1997

In recent years, the UMW has been instrumental in purchasing many items that the trustees have not picked up on. They include the following:

- ~~A steam table from~~ Nelsons Supply, Lewiston @\$275.00
- ~~Curtains and drapes for the Sunday School rooms & parsonage.~~
- ~~A TV for Rev. Crites~~
- ~~New Coffee servers~~
- ~~\$100.00 pledged toward new parsonage furniture.~~
- ~~New stove for the kitchen @\$479.25~~
- ~~\$100.00 given to help pay for mimeograph machine~~
- ~~\$1,500.00 given to the church building committee~~
- ~~Purchased Stainless steel hood for stove @\$55.00~~
- ~~Purchased round table @\$4.00 & 3 Sunday School tables for \$75.00 each~~
- ~~Gave \$2,000.00 toward the rugs for the parsonage~~
- ~~Bought 30 cup coffee maker~~
- ~~Purchased memorial book and stand~~
- ~~Purchased gas stove from Murphys @ \$400.00~~
- ~~Purchased silverware~~
- ~~Contributed \$2,000.00 in lump sum toward new addition~~
- ~~Bought coffee maker @\$368.00~~
- ~~Bought Stainless steel table @\$362.00~~
- ~~Bought food processor at \$60.00~~
- ~~Bought 2 refrigerators @\$1,710.00 and \$600.00~~
- ~~Bought Microwave~~
- ~~Bought Steam table and pans @\$990.00 and \$206.30 respectively~~
- ~~Bought new curtains for dining room @\$96.00~~



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Gave \$3,000.00 to the church toward apportionments  
Gave \$1,500.00 to the church toward computer  
Bought 6 tables for the dining room ~~for~~ @ \$505.00

There are many other items too numerous to mention.

1998 Once again we will be publishing a new cookbook with Anshell Deatman leading the group

We will celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of officially being United Methodist Women. This year we will honor Agnes Lester on UMW Sunday. In years past we have also honored Blanche Wilson, Dore Wakeman & Muriel Robinson

In summary, we are an organized unit of the United Methodist Women who shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

We here at North Ridge have participated in designated programs of Call to Prayer and Self Denial, Pledge to Missions and Thank Offering. We have entertained other churches at a guest night with a variety of speakers. We contribute to the local church budget, have attended Women's Communion Breakfasts in Batavia and Cambria, celebrated Women's day in church, participated in Church Women United Programs and helped at the Migrant clinics. We have donated to many missionary projects and also supported the church youth, donating for registration fees.

We supply the Upper Room magazines in the large print and cassettes to Sr. Members and shut-ins, have made tray favors for nursing homes and special dinners. We save Campbell soup labels which are donated to Gateway, collect Tops, Jubilee and Quality tapes and save cancelled postage stamps as part of our fund raisers. We have sold dish cloths, napkins and scented candles, held Easter candy sales and participated in the Summit Mall Do-Gooders Bazaar, and received moneys from a Monday morning bowling group.

We have given to the City Mission, Ronald McDonald house, Gateway, Niagara Falls City Mission, House of God Church, Niagara Hospice, Gifts to the Christian Caring Center, Salvation Army, Service Center, Angel Tree project, U.M.C.O.R., School of Mission and have made Migrant Kits. We have held Bible Studies, made bibs and booties for the V.A. Hospital and published and sold cookbooks.

We feel the need for new and younger members and just recently have been blessed by several young women joining our organization.

*Submitted by Gloria Snyder*



*original*

Women's Society

The following was taken from "How Methodism Was Introduced To North Ridge" and was written by Dora C. Wakeman, Historian. Rev. William H. Horner was the Pastor.

As I read the records of this church, the old saying comes to my mind, "Behind every successful man stands a devoted woman." Well, here were the women of the church. Always the Ladies Aid gave this for the support of the church or that toward the preacher's salary or something to fix a roof. They raised money in many ways from teas and ice cream socials to the present bazaars, rummage sales and dinners. Of course they changed their name many times:

- 1864 - Social Aid Society - Pres. Mrs. M.S. Hurd
- 1882 - Ladies Aid Society of M.E. Church - Pres. Fannie Coe (dues 10¢)
- 1916 - Womens Association - Pres. Mrs. Burt Lafler
- 1941 - Womens Society of Christian Service - Pres. Laura Freatman
- 1973 - United Methodist Women - Pres. Adelia Hendricks

No matter what they called themselves, the support was still there.

The minutes of the Ladies Aid Society of April 15, 1881, began like this: "And on the fifteenth of the 4th month that honorable body termed the 'Ladies Society' met at the home of Mrs. Peterson. And not/ it chanced that the roads were exceedingly fine and the night a very beautiful one, with moonlight and starlight enhancing its loveliness and rendering its charm wholly irresistable, therefore it was not at all surprising, in view of the social, literary, musical and appetizing treats also in store, that the number in attendance was much greater than usual."

I called our own secretary and she begins her minutes "After a very delicious supper, the meeting was called to order by the president." I think we are very fortunate to have the minutes of meetings that were held so long ago in the 1800's. They will grow more valuable as time goes on.

7 ( ~~Through the years there have been many auxillary organizations, among them the W.C.T.U. (Women's Christian Temperance Union), L.T.L. (Loyal Temperance Union), Epworth League which became the Methodist Youth Fellowship, a Men's Club (interdenominational) and a Community Club.~~ ) 7

The first society was organized February 5th 1864. It was called the "Social Aid Society" and consisted of seventeed members, both men and women. The following officers were elected: Mrs. M.S. Hurd, President, Fannie B. Coe, Vice-President: Annie M. Beach, Secretary and Mrs Bradford Brace, Treasurer. On January 13th, 1882, the Society was reorganized and the name changed to "Ladies Aid Society," with Fannie B. Coe, President: Mrs Allen, Vice President: Mrs McCartney, Secretary, and Mrs. Melinda Miles, Treasurer.

1921-41 missing



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- 1941 A meeting held at Laura Freatman's home included a dime card party a bazaar with fish pond, aprons & homemade candy.
- 1943 Bought velvet hanging for the church. Gave \$5.00 to missions.
- 44-45 Urged to give more to missions. Held food, fun and fancy sale (108.20 realized).  
Held shower for Ethel Phipps after her house burned.
- 46-47 Florence Lafler appointed to obtain sugar through the ration board. Florence reported she received 1 coupon for 1# of sugar. Later received 1 more coupon for 1# more of sugar. Mrs. Schutte offered to donate sugar for the picnic. Adelia Hendricks, Donna Robinson and Anabell Freatman welcomed as new members.

Bought new table silverware that was stamped by Don Lafler. Prepared and sent a box to a Belgian family.

- 48-49 This year we bought 25# of sugar to be distributed to anyone who would make candy for the sale. Price of suppers raised from 35¢ to 50¢. Melissa Mollosky joined this date.
- 50-51 10th Anniversary of the WSCS. Dora Wakeman and Florence Jacobs ~~appointed to investigate and make a report about a more sanitary lavatory for the church.~~

Motion to give \$50.00 to the organ fund if needed. Gwen Wright and Manice Rogers appointed to see about refinishing 2 antique tables.

Feb 1951, we enjoyed using the remodeled kitchen. Cost was \$328.00.

- 52-53 Strawberry festival held: also smorgasboard & small bazaar. (\$356.00)



- 54-55 In February, our lavatory was completed and all committees thanked and dismissed.

Agnes Doeblner reported she and Lillian Truesdell had purchased a lace tablecloth to be used by the church.

Pew cushions covered. Held a dollar project. Father and son's banquet held. (\$65.15)

- 55-56 15th anniversary celebrated of WSCS-Charter members and past presidents each received a lovely carnation. Slogan was Looking Backward--Thinking Forward.

- 56-57 Projects--Smorgasboard, Selling knives, white elephant sale, baked goods at monthly meetings, spring luncheon, group projects and a roast beef on Kummelwick special.

Gave \$50.00 to Sharon Schurr to help with her eyes.

Purchased 4 new folding tables.

- \*\*\*\* This was the year we had our "fried chicken" supper. After the first table had eaten, our chicken was all gone and we had to go out "on the highways and bi-ways" for chicken and other meat. We made \$207.00 anyway.

- 58-59 Florence Lafler reported the vestibule was finished. LeRoy Kratz, *church* Clarence Weber and Floyd Freatman helped Fred Kruger in the project.

Lillian Truesdell attended a meeting wearing high button shoes, which she borrowed from Laflers Store and a hat made of flowers which someone left at the church.

Beth Lafler sketched a picture of our church and we had some note paper made.

- 59-60 We brought closed boxes of clothes: dress, hat and purse and auctioned them off. Wore the clothes at the next meeting and we had some "well-dressed" ladies.

Sunrise service held on Thanksgiving A.M. by the MYF.

In order to bring new "hair-do's" to the girls in Williamsville Home, we donated \$25.00.

Served supper to the Confirmation Class.



- 2/60 Held father and son banquet.
- 3/60 Sent \$5.00 to Myra Wakeman for Christmas. Letter received thanking WSCS - Said she bought a dress with the money.
- 4/60 Roast Beef Supper to be held 4/30/60.
- 12/1/60 Rolled bandages to be sent to hospitals in Mission fields.
- 3/2/61 Celebrated 20th birthday of the WSCS.
- 4/61 Planned to plant a tree at Williamsville home April 19, 1961. *W*  
Several attended and helped dig the hole (Sycamore tree).
- 5/3/62 Bought projector for the Sunday School. ✓ \*
- 4/4/63 Bought and hung new drapes for Church School rooms. ✓ \*
- 5/2/63 Reported Society had received a certificate for reaching goal in supply work for foreign and home missions and getting all reports in on time.
- 12/63 Enjoyed a modeling of ~~nylons~~ purchased at Lafler's Dept. Store. Priced at only 79¢. Anyone interested, contact Tim Lafler, head of the hosiery department. Anyone interested in an excellent model, contact Lillian.
- 5/7/64 Several visited Albion Reformatory.
- 10/1/64 Will buy new pots & pans & a new teapot. Also 2 dozen chairs. \*
- 4/4/65 Bought record player for church school. \*
- 5/6/65 Voted to purchase steam table from Nelsons Supply in Lewiston \*  
for \$275.00 plus freight.



6/65 -- 1976

- 10/7/65 25th anniversary of the W.S.C.S. Eash past president was presented with a W.S.C.S. pin.
- 2/3/66 Gwen Wright gave an enlightening program on the possible merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.
- Fund raiser - fish supper - Charge \$1.00. A profit of \$67.51 reported at the next meeting (3/3/66)
- 3/3/66 It was announced the Community Club would be painting the kitchen-dining room floor with Water Resistant paint.
- 5/3/66 Purchased curtains and drapes for the parsonage. ~~✗~~
- 12/1/66 Thanksgiving dinner served to 430 by the women. Serving time from 12 to 5 with a profit of \$460.00. Bazaar at dinner had a \$217.90 profit.
- 2/6/67 New telephone installed in the study. Motion passed for the society to pay \$5.00 for installation and extra bell for downstairs and the monthly payment of \$1.75. Motion made and 2nd to buy 5 dozen cups and 1 coffee pot as agate one had sprung a leak.
- 5/67 New book purchased for supper records. Women were responsible for cleaning purple drape in the church.
- 6/1/67 Voted to pay for 8 windows combinations for the parsonage approximate total \$126.00. ✗
- 12/7/67 Approved either making or buying acolyte robes. Board gave permission. Edith McArthur volunteered to make the surplices.  
Bought drapes at a cost of \$59.62 for the cottage Maureen Israel lives in at (Gateway?????)  
Dora Wakeman presented a Christmas record with a discussion of putting it on a time clock -- to be investigated. Report Investigated---not practical.
- 1/4/68 Anabell and Laura Freatman offered a piano to the church.
- 2/6/68 Motion made and 2nd to buy drapes for the pastors study. reported hung at the March meeting.  
U.M.W. sponsoring an adopted child.
- 3/7/68 Announced new hymnals were expected for Eastertime. Adelia made announcement in reference to the merger of the Methodist and E.U.B. churches to the United Methodist Church.
- ~~✗~~



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- 4/68 Acolyte robes are here. Miriam announced community auction 5/4/68. women had refreshment stand. (\$91.00)
- 6/68 Bought shades for parsonage ✓
- 10/3/68 Regular meeting in form of a reorganization meeting. Impressive charter program delivered by Leetah Brown. It officially made us the Womens Society of the United Methodist Church. All present and active members were declared charter members. (List ?????)
- 12/68 White gifts to be used for Myra Wakeman and Ethel Phipps. Cup and saucer shower followed meeting.
- 1/69 Group entertained husbands - District Attorney DeFlorio guest speaker - Talked on drugs. Those serving were to bring recipes for dishes made and these sold for 10¢ each.
- 5/69 Discussion referred to trustees about locking charge and properties.
- 12/69 Reported Manice, Eva and Rena painted the Kitchen cupboards. Auction held after the meeting -- made \$35.52
- 3/70 Manice & Melissa start the travelling basket. Homecoming planned for 5/3/70 with Millie Coulter and Agnes in charge of the tea table. Evelyn Pepenhagen and Cecil Chace in charge of the guest table.
- 6/70 Collected \$50.00 from travelling basket.
- 10/70 Last year for the Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the WSCS. Charge Adults \$3.00 and children \$1.50.
- 12/70 \$843.00 realized for Thanksgiving dinner. \$254.55 made on bazaar and \$71.45 on baked goods and candy.
- Voted to buy TV for the pastor (Crites). Collection taken \$33.00 received. Rest taken from the treasury.
- 4/71 Held pot luck supper honoring Confirmation Class. Speaker Mr. Ziblet with seeing-eye dog. Prepared and served Easter breakfast.
- 6/71 Held Mothers and Daughters Banquet. (realized \$54.08)
- 11/71 Selected former boot shop store for selling baked goods and bazaar items on 12/10/71 and 12/11/71. Helen Freatman and Ruth Ingram in charge. Sale netted \$413.00.
- Will cater a Golden Age dinner on 12/15/71. Ruth Luff and Miriam Robinson in charge--profit \$180.00.
- 2/3/72 Made doll purses--\$61.60 realized. Solicitors list started at this time by Anabell. Voted at this meeting on one of 4 new titles to be given to WSCS on National Level. N.R. selected United Methodist Women.
- after merge of Methodist & EUB charges*



- 5/4/72 \$10.00 to be sent to Attica Prison Library toward a magazine subscription.  
New coffee servers ordered from Truesdells. (1 doz.) \*
- 3/73 Bought paint and repainted sunday school rooms. \$88.44 Total. \*  
Community Club paid \$25 .00 toward this leaving \$63.44 for WSCS. Became re-organized at this meeting as United Methodist Women *Technically this is the year - Anita celebrated at this time.*
- 10/4/73 \$100.00 pledged toward new parsonage furniture. It was decided at this meeting that instead of having a dinner and bazaar, everyone should do their own thing to raise money. ✓
- 11/73 A decision was made to call for reservations for the Summit Mall Sale to sell items we have made. Will be held October 18th and 19th of 1974. (Was this the 1st Mall Sale we participated in ??????????)
- 10/3/74 New stove purchased for kitchen. Cost \$400.00 plus \$79.25 installation charges. ✓  
Cleared \$360.00 on bazaar & baked goods sale at Summit Mall.
- 3/75 Wesley Churchill speaker, talking on his vacation spent in Haiti helping in drilling a well and building a church.
- 10/75 Announced Beth Smith will be Editor of the Cobblestone. Sue Schultz to do the typing. Apron project ??????????
- 12/75 1st report that I have seen on the Alley Dusters project. ✓  
Netted \$191.00
- Church Announced Annette Schultz, Lillian Truesdell, Connie Moore and Ralph Smith act as a committee in selecting carpet for the church.
- 1/8/76 (only a note) Rev. Crites Very ill in Baltimore.
- 2/76 It was announced that Susan Truax is compiling a scrapbook of events of our church--has an article on the laying of the old carpet.
- 3/1/76 Donation of sherbert glasses to the society by Mrs. Bert Israel--mother-in-law of Rena.  
Announcement that old carpet had been cut in pieces 7,8 & 20 feet long for anyone wanting any. Make a donation & monies received will be used to clean the choir robes.
- 4/1/76 Rev. Horner announced the Council on Churches are planning a tour of older churches in Niagara County--North Ridge is 1st on visit. The 1898 quilt top to be on display.
- Note Goodwill industries was originally organized by Methodists Was the brainchild of the Methodist Church. It is separate now, but still reports to the Methodist Church. ✓



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- 5/76 Material is in to cover seat cushions--Diane Peck reported cost will be \$438.48--women to do work. U.M.W. will help support church to pay for this. Completed in May.
- 10/76 Program by Vernetta Genter - A bi-centennial program with slides and a talk on history of Cambria.
- Voted to give half of the savings account to the renovation project.
- 11/76 2 ceramic Christmas Trees were given by Mary Kidder who resides at Beechwood Home.
- 3/77 Frame donated by Frank & Manice Rogers to put sample of old carpet in. Dora Wakeman to add note of history of carpet.
- 4/77 Ceramic birthday bank given by Cecil Chace. \$100.00 given to help pay for mimeograph machine.
- Committees appointed for funeral luncheons. Dinner served to Sr. Citizens Group.
- Migrant Ministry rummage sale workers needed. 4 persons signed.
- 11/77 "Trip To Hawaii" presented by Mrs Harold Whitwell. Pat Stevens is the newly appointed treasurer. Adelia will be moving.
- \*\*\* Roof fixed on parsonage--new roof on garage.
- "Puppet Show" writted by Connie Moore--"What Have We To Be Thankful For". Pat Stevens, Beth Smith & Diane Peck were the puppeteers and Lucille Schurr, the narrator. Puppets were made by Florence Lafler, Edith McArthur and Ruth Luff.
- 1/78 "New Image" singing group from Ransomville entertained.
- 4/78 Sr. Citizen Dinner held.
- 4/80 Sr. Citizen Dinner held the 18th. \$1,500.00 given to the church building committee.
- 10/9/80 Bell's dinner
- 6/81 Women voted 13 to 7 to have kitchen moved to the south.
- 2/4/82 Meeting held at Anabell Freatmans home due to the construction of the kitchen. Stainless Steel hood purchased for \$55.00--round table for \$4.00 and 3 sunday school tables for \$75.00 each. Started saving Tops Tapes and postage stamps.
- 4/1/82 Sponsored garage sale 5/21/& 22--Beef on weck, pie and coffee. Tables outside.
- 5/82 Moved \$2,000.00 be given toward rugs for the parsonage.
- 11/82 Punch bowl & cups given by Ruth Rawlings.
- 1/83 Primary meeting--cookbook committee.
- 2/3/83 Dedication dinner planned pot luck--Cambria 4-H to serve dinner and clean up--2 adults assisting.



- 3/83 Attended Bazaar at Rainbow Mall 18th & 19th of March
- 4/83 \$80.00 received from Estella Caldwell in memory of her mother-  
to be used for Kitchen equipment.
- 5/83 Sr. Citizen dinner to be served 5/21/83 *by Beth Smiths included 500 Cookbooks ordered - group headed by Diane Peck, June Schuman + Gloria Snyder*
- 10/83 Kitchen plaque design decided on--decided 11/1/84 not to get this for fear someones name would be omitted.  
*Mary who lived on the Coomer Road*
- Blanche gave a bit of history of the quilt sold at the Mall sale. It was pieced by Mrs. Miles several years ago and given to the East Wilson Church. Several years later, Agnes Drewes laundered it, Iva Hochadel had a backing put on it and Betty Stimson of Wilson, did the quilting (without charge). It was sold for \$200.00.
- Thank you to Estella for money toward purchase of cart and to Thelma Patterson for 4 tables.
- 11/3/83 100 more cookbooks ordered
- 1/5/84 Started Save-a-tape program with Super Duper
- 4/5/84 Sacrificial meal *Jennie S. Conale, Doreen + Beth Smiths, Lucille Schurr*
- 6/7/84 Flea Market held at church 7/21/84. Beef on Weck served.
- 11/1/84 2 electric roasters purchased by Agnes Drewes with part of the memorial money given in memory of her mother, Edith McArthur. *A.*
- 2/7/85 Suggested UMW buy 10 pew bibles--voted on and passed--later recinded--not needed.
- 7/16/85 Sr. Citizen ham ball dinner served. 30 cup coffee maker approved. *✓*
- 2/86 Made booties and bibs for V.A. Hospital. 47 pair of booties, 40 double bibs and 23 single bibs. We were called the "Farmers Wives" in a newspaper article. *A.*
- 5/86 Purchased Memorial book & stand which had been approved by the trustees. *✓*
- 6/86 Purchased gas stove from Murphy Appliance for \$400.00. *✓*
- 10/86 Purchased silverware, *column*, slotted spoons etc. *✓*
- 11/86 Buddy lunch by Youth group to be held 11/16/86
- 1/87 Donation toward TV for youth. Participated in the Mission Fair chaired by Connie Moore--realized \$20.00 profit.
- 2/87 Collected old greeting cards for BOCES and other church groups. Sold Easter candy.
- 3/87 Moved to contribute \$2,000.00 in lump sum toward the new addition. *✓*
- 4/87 Donated \$200.00 to the youth to go to summer camp. Made favors for the Odd Fellows Nursing Home. *✓*



5/87 Pastor Burt showed slides on his trip to Israel. Received  
9/1 a certificate for participating in the reading program.

11/87 Cecil Chace donated a cabinet for the Coffee Maker. Bought  
coffee maker from Licata Brothers for \$368.00.

1/88 Gift of \$100.00 given to the Niagara Hospice Educational Fund  
in memory of Gwen Wright.

4/88 Catered 29 & holding luncheon

6/88 Presented Pastor Burt and Jeannie with an anniversary clock  
as a going-away present.

10/88 Book reports given by Beth Smith as part of the reading program.  
\$50.00 donation given to the Salvation Army for Hurricane Gilbert  
relief fund.

11/88 Bought Gravy bowls--\$79.00. Also towels \$25.00

3/89 Donated gifts to the Christian Caring Center. (Wilson-Exley Ch.)

5/89 Don Schultz was the speaker at Guest Night--talked about  
Somerset house. Donated \$50.00 to Somerset house.

9/89 \$30.00 donation to City Mission

10/89 Donated \$15.00 for each youth attending retreat at the Hyatt  
Regency Hotel, Buffalo.

12/89 Rena purchased step stools.

2/1/90 1 stainless steel table purchased by UMW for Kitchen-Cost \$632.00

3/1/90 Food processor purchased for kitchen--\$60.00

4/1/90 Beverly Underwood spoke on Canine Handicap Helpers.

12/90 Miriam gave background on the church quilt.

10/90 Purchased refrigerator from Buffalo Hotel Supply. ~~XXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXX~~ 1 commercial @ \$1,710.00. Also purchased  
regular refrigerator from Merritt Thilk for \$600.00

1/91 Honored honorary members at the UMW Sunday service in church.

3/7/91 Purchased electric roaster

10/91 Purchased microwave

9/92 Purchased steam table and pans for same @\$990.00 and \$206.30  
respectively.

10/92 Do-Gooders Bazaar project presented to the church for an  
all church project.



- 4/93 29 & Holding luncheon
- 5/93 Motion made & 2nd to fix old steam table.
- 10/93 Moved to purchase new curtains for dining room. \$96.00
- 2/95 Honored Blanche Wilson. Special Mission recognition in her honor at Women's day in church. Flower placed on the altat in recognition of memory of Eva Schotz.
- 2/96 Dora Wakeman honored for years of service to UMW
- 9/96 Surprise shower for Karen Freatman.
- 10/96 Motion to purchase 6 tables for the dining room and 2 Stainless Steel pails for chowder sale.
- 11/96 Moved and seconded to give \$3,000.00 to the church toward the apportionments. Also pledged \$500.00 toward the computer needed for church.
- 2/97 Stork shower held for Audrey Peck
- 3/97 Hosted Men's Communion Breakfast
- 4/97 UMW will honor Miriam Robinson in church.
- 5/97 29 & holding luncheon served.
- 6/97 Moved & seconded to give \$1,000.00 more toward the computer plus the \$500.00 already pledged.



The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

We here at North Ridge have participated in designated programs of Call to Prayer and Self Denial, Pledge to Missions and Thank Offering. We have entertained other churches at a guest night with a variety of speakers. We contribute to the local church budget, have attended Womens Communion Breakfasts in Batavia, <sup>+ camera</sup> celebrated Women's day in church, participated in Church Women United Programs & helped at the Migrant Clinics. We have donated to many missionary projects and also supported the church youth, donating for registration fees.

We supply Upper Room magazines in the large print to Sr. Members and shut-ins, have made tray favors for nursing homes and special dinners. We save Campbell soup labels which are donated to Gateway, collect Tops, Jubilee and Quality tapes and save cancelled postage stamps as part of our fund raisers. We have sold dish cloths, napkins and scented candles, held Easter Candy sales and participated in the Summit Mall Do Gooders Bazaar, and received moneys from a Monday morning bowling group.

We feel the need for new & younger members and just recently have been blessed by several young people joining our organization.

Gave to  
City Mission  
Ronald McDonald House  
Gateway  
N D Community Mission  
House of God Church  
Maggie Hosfue  
Gifts to Christian Caring Center  
Salvation Army  
\$100 to Angel Tree  
Senior Center 25<sup>00</sup>  
UMCOR  
School of Missions  
Sponsored  
Homecoming day

Purchased  
Response + NW Outlook

made  
Migrant Kits

held Bible Studies

Made cookies for  
Albion Correctional

Made kits & baskets for  
the V.A. Hospital

Published & sold cookbook